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SUBJECT: Liaison with Naval Communications Service

1. At 10:30 a.m. on 17 May 1946 I was asked by Colonel Quinn to accompany him to a conference with Vice Admiral Stone, Chief of Naval Communications Service. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the possibility of establishing direct working liaison with Naval Communications whereby SCW might avail itself of facilities operated by the Navy. Admiral Stone received us in a very cordial manner and was extremely sympathetic to the problems as presented to him by Colonel Quinn and myself, and left the impression that if we would make specific needs known to him he would be only too glad to lend all possible assistance. He said, for instance, that if we desired to use present Naval Communications facilities in and out of [] it would be perfectly proper for our Communications Officer to contact the Signal and Intelligence Officers of the 7th Fleet and make arrangements for passing traffic over established Naval links.

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2. In our contacts with the Navy from this end the two people we are first to contact are:

Captain R. B. Ellis, USN, who is a Communications Officer for Naval Communications Service and is the man to see in regard to all problems involving traffic. He is in Room #2630 in the Navy Building (on Constitution Avenue) and his extension is 5194.

Captain T. A. Smith, USN, Chief of Ops 20-Y, is the man to contact in regard to ciphers. He is in Room #3551 and his extension is 5077.

3. When we came away from our visit, Colonel Quinn expressed his personal enthusiasm about the manner in which we had been received and with the results of the interview. He suggested that our first step should be to approach the Navy on a specific problem. (The most logical one, in my opinion, would be the question of obtaining Navy type pads and we should do this by addressing a memorandum to the Director telling him just what we want.)

4. I cited the pads as an example of the type of thing we hope to get as a result of closer liaison with the Navy and in doing so I managed to brief Admiral Stone on just why we are interested in Navy type pads despite the fact that the Army has been generous in filling our needs.

5. We shall probably have to formulate our requests for items we need from the Navy as a memorandum to the Director for the first two or three times and after that I think we should be able to operate very much as we now do with the Army Communications Service. Colonel Quinn will probably buck the memos back to us to handle but I think he would like to know just how we are approaching the Navy and with what type

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of problem. If we do it right, I gather from the attitude of Admiral Stone, in the future our liaison with the Navy will be a matter of routine.

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